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DATARATE SYMBOL COMMUNICATIONS

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REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Sir:

In reviewing the original Letters Patent, Applicants note minor errors made by the Applicants in the specification and in dependent claim 8 of the above-referenced United States Patent. This Request for a Certificate of Correction for an issued patent is filed with the appropriate fee and Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44.

Please consider the following remarks, and issue a corrected patent with the corrected typographical errors.

Changes to the Specification:

In the paragraph beginning at col. 2, line 11, please amend the last identification of a point at col. 2, line 19 by adding a single negative sign before the last occurrence of "K" on that line as follows:

The constellation has point values with two points of differing amplitude and having a zero reference phase, and two other points having corresponding amplitude to the first two points with a 180 degree reference phase. The remaining four points are located symmetrically above and below the lower amplitude points of the zero reference phase and 180 degree reference phase set. The points may have complex locations substantially equal to $(K/2, 0)$, $(3K/2, 0)$, $(K/2, K)$, $(-K/2, K)$, $(-K/2, 0)$, $(-3K/2, 0)$, $(-K/2, -K)$ and $(K/2, -K)$, where K is an arbitrary amplitude reference and further including all phase rotations of the constellation.

In the paragraph beginning at col. 7, line 44, please amend the last identification of a point at col. 7, line 55 by adding a single negative sign before the last occurrence of "K" on that line as follows:

The Snowflake constellation may be described as 8 points on an equally spaced rectangular grid such that 4 points are in a horizontal line. To these are added 2 pairs of additional points equally spaced above and below the center 2 points in the horizontal line. Although we define this constellation (and subsequent mappings, metrics and phase detector) in terms of horizontal and vertical spacing, the performance is independent of any fixed rotation, and therefore rotations of the constellation represent equivalent modulation schemes. The depicted rotation includes the points having complex locations substantially equal to $(K/2, 0)$, $(3K/2, 0)$, $(K/2, K)$, $(-K/2, K)$, $(-K/2, 0)$, $(-3K/2, 0)$, $(-K/2, -K)$ and $(K/2, -K)$, where K is an arbitrary amplitude reference representing the spacing between the points on the I axis (horizontal axis) of the constellation diagram. Variations from the set of points described above will tend to reduce performance, but there may be advantages in reducing the amplitudes of the $(\pm 3K/2, 0)$ points to reduce the peak power level, and it should be understood that minor variations in the phase or amplitude of the points are equivalent values contemplated by the present invention.

Changes to Dependent Claim 8:

At dependent claim 8, beginning at col. 11, line 8, please amend the claim as follows:

8. The receiver of claim 1, wherein a grouping associated with a first bit of said three-bit symbol decode divides said constellation between a first subgroup including said first, second, fifth and ~~seventh~~ sixth points and a second subgroup comprising all points that are not members of said first subgroup, wherein a grouping associated with a second bit of said three-bit symbol decode divides said constellation between a third subgroup including said first, third, ~~seventh~~ sixth and eighth points and a fourth subgroup comprising all points that are not members of said third subgroup, and wherein a grouping associated with a third bit of said three-bit symbol decode divides said constellation between a fifth subgroup including said first, third, fifth and ~~sixth~~ seventh points and a sixth subgroup comprising all points that are not members of said fifth subgroup, and wherein is said log-likelihood.

REMARKS

In the Specification at col. 2, line 19 and at col. 7, line 55, a negative (-) sign was unintentionally and inadvertently missed in identifying the last of each of the points for the locations in the constellation diagram in good faith and without intent to mislead. Currently each of the lists repeats a point in the list because of the missing sign and addition of the sign will make the list match the constellations shown in FIG. 5B, FIGs. 6 and FIG. 7, as well as the language of independent claim 1.

In Dependent Claim 8, reference to the sixth and seventh points were inadvertently reversed. Patentee unknowingly made this inadvertent reversal in good faith and without intent to mislead. Replacing “sixth” with “seventh” and “seventh” with “sixth” in this claim will make this dependent claim 8 coordinate with the examples set forth in the specification in relation to FIGs. 6 and 7 using the constellation point order of claim 1.

The USPTO is invited to telephone the undersigned regarding this matter.

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